

UCMR 5

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do labs send bottles automatically or does the utility have to request them each sample event?

Eurofins Drinking Water Testing has a scheduling system in place where the containers will be sent automatically by the 1st day of the required sampling month.

- What happens if I forget to approve my data within the EPA time limit?

Small systems do not need to review and approve UCMR5 data. For large systems, your data will sit idle in the CDX portal until reviewed and approved by the utility for 30 days. After the 30th day, if the data has not been approved, it will automatically be approved and sent to the EPA database.

- I don't see my inventory in the CDX, what do I do?

Contact your EPA Sampling Administrator.

- I want to change my sampling schedule, how do I do that?

Each utility had until Dec 30th, 2022 to revise their inventory. After January 1st 2023, each utility that wants to make revisions must contact their EPA Sampling Administrator.

- What if a utility doesn't operate all their wells year round?

Any wells that are not in operation are not part of UCMR 5.

- I understand there are field blanks, do these get run on every sample?

Field Reagent Blanks (FRBs) will only be analyzed if the associated Field Sample has a result above the Method Reporting Limit for each compound.

- Will the lab help us with how to sample?

Eurofins Drinking Water Testing provides sampling, packing, and shipping instructions with each UCMR 5 Kit that is delivered to the water system. These kits are sent in coolers. You can also view our [sampling video here](#).

Can I use blue ice instead of water ice?

Per EPA's changes the beginning of 2023, ice packs are now permitted for UCMR 5 samples. EEA highly recommends wet ice, not the ice packs, be used due to temperature requirements, especially during the hot summer months.

How long do I have to complete my UCMR 5 sampling?

The CDX inventory provides the specific months to collect your UCMR 5 samples.

What are the labs doing about the compounds that can be analyzed using both Methods 537.1 and 533?

The labs must report only those results from Method 533.

For UCMR 4, every sample container was temperature checked and if it was out of range, just that method had to be resampled. Is it the same protocol for UCMR 5?

No, not all sample containers have to be below 10 degrees Celsius. Since there are three containers for Methods 537.1 and 533, the lab will use the samples that have temperatures between 0-10 degrees Celsius. If all three sample containers for either Method 537.1 or Method 533 are >10 degrees Celsius, the lab will contact the client and a resample will be required.

If I have detections, **Do I have to report them in our CCR?** Yes

When I get my lab report, **Do I have to upload it to EPA?** No

I have data from my state required PFAS Monitoring program. **Can I use that data for the UCMR 5 Monitoring?** No

I don't sample until 2024. **Can I reserve my dates now?** Yes

I am a consecutive system. **Do I have to sample for UCMR 5?** Yes

The labs have analyzed many PFAS samples at this point, **Has the lab experienced a lot of detects for FRBs?** No

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